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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV'S CALL ON DIRECTOR EUR/EE

1. BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV PAID A CALL ON ANDREWS ON JUNE 30 PRIOR TO RETURNING TO BULGARIA ON LEAVE. THE BULGARIAN DESK OFFICER SAT IN. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION.
 2. GOB BALKAN POLICY. AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV GAVE US AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COPY OF EXCERPTS OF ZHIVKOV'S BLAVGOEVGRAD SPEECH EARLIER THIS MONTH. GRIGOROV COMMENTED THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO MACEDONIAN MINORITY OR NATIONALITY, THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA IS STILL HARPING ABOUT ONE. THE GOB BELIEVES THAT YUGOSLAV INSISTENCE ON THIS POINT ALMOST AMOUNTS TO A TERRITORIAL CLAIM AGAINST BULGARIA WHICH HAS RECOGNIZED THE MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC IN YUGOSLAVIA.
 3. NEW CHANCERIES. ANDREWS BRIEFED GRIGOROV ON THE STATUS OF EMBASSY SOFIA'S CHANCERY PROBLEM.
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4. TSANOV VISIT. ANDREWS INFORMED GRIGOROV THAT WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM THE GOB ON THE JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND THAT, IF WE DO NOT HEAR SOON, WE MAY HAVE TO DELAY TSANOV'S VISIT RATHER THAN MAKE HASTY PLANS WHICH MIGHT NOT TURN OUT VERY WELL. GRIGOROV SAID HE HAD NOT

HEARD ANYTHING FROM SOFIA. ANDREWS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND OUR EMBASSY AND GRIGOROV SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SOFIA NEXT WEEK.

5. UNGA. ANDREWS ASKED GRIGOROV TO INFORM US ASAP OF THE DATES WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA. HE SAID WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY FOR HIM IF THEIR SCHEDULES PERMIT.

6. CSCE. ANDREWS TOLD GRIGOROV THAT EVENTUALLY WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULT WITH THE GOB ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO BELGRADE AND ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE MADRID CONFERENCE.

7. TSVETKOV VISIT. ANDREWS INFORMED GRIGOROV THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO TSVETKOV'S VISIT. ANDREWS SUGGESTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE MIGHT COME BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS AND THANKSGIVING. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THIS WOULD MEAN SOME TIME BETWEEN NOVEMBER 9 AND 17. ANDREWS ALSO SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPROPRIATE RETURN VISIT TO SOFIA NEXT YEAR.

8. MARITIME AGREEMENT. ANDREWS TOLD GRIGOROV THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SHORTENING THE TIME OF NOTIFICATION FOR SHIP CALLS ON US
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PORTS. GRIGOROV SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MFN IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THIS ISSUE. ANDREWS TOLD HIM WE WOULD INVESTIGATE.

9. NAVY SHIP VISIT. GRIGOROV SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE GOB. ANDREWS TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A STATUS REPORT FOR HIM.

10. GRIGOROV COMPLAINT. GRIGOROV COMPLAINED TO US THAT, WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO RETURN TO THE EASTERN AIRLINES SHUTTLE ON WHICH HE HAD FLOWN FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON ON JUNE 29 TO CHECK FOR SOME MISPLACED BAGGAGE, HIS BRIEFCASE WAS OPENED AND OFFICIAL PAPERS WERE CHECKED DESPITE HIS REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO DO SO TO AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL. WE REGRETTED THIS INCIDENT (WHICH DISTURBED HIM CONSIDERABLY) AND TOLD HIM WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

11. MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF. ANDREWS SUGGESTED TO GRIGOROV THAT HE TRY TO SEE AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF IN

SOFIA. GRIGOROV SAID HE WOULD DO SO. VANCE

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